

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

NEW YORK

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Federal Communications Commission
C/o Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Please include in the record for 07-51

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am the Manger of Information Technology Services at Concordia College, Bronxville, New York. I am grateful to the Federal Communication Commission for promoting competition within the telecommunications industry. For too long, administrators like me were tied to the local cable operator for video programming and to the regional bells for voice and data. It has been refreshing working with our private telecom provider, Privatel Inc.

Our video-programming lineup is no longer dictated to us. Privatel assisted us in customizing our video programming to match the interests and needs of our students and faculty at a lower cost. Their service is uniquely different than its competitors. They are attentive to our needs. They have established campus wide community channels that are now apart of our student communication system. We have become dependent on this venue. We utilize them for fast student and facility notices, such as class cancellations, lectures, and security. It is reassuring to know that we have the means to quickly react to campus emergencies such as terrorist threats, fires or other life threatening situations. We feel that Privatel is a part of our organization. When a problem occurs you can count on them for a quick response and solution.

I also respectfully request the commission to revisit the forced access rules as these could be detrimental to the security of our student population. If we are forced to allow multiple operators to serve our student community, our ability to distribute emergency & non-emergency messaging would be negatively impacted. In addition, forced access of multiple providers will further complicate the physical security of our campus and resident halls.

Thank you



Arron Meyer
Manager, Information Technology Services